

CROWN Memorandum



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TO: ESRD Executive Directors, ESRD Data Managers
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SUBJECT: QualityNet Conference 2003 Planning Committee

The QualityNet Conference 2003 is scheduled for September 15-19, 2003 at the Marriott Hunt Valley, Baltimore. As last year, participation will consist of the Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) and ESRD Networks. The conference this year is expected to be smaller than last year's conference, estimating at 400-500 attendees.

Much of the success in the planning and operation of these conferences is due to the QIO and ESRD Network active participation. We are, therefore, asking for volunteers from all QIO components (IT, Data Analysis, HCQIP, Communications, Finance, etc.) and ESRD Network components (Data Managers, QI, PSC, etc.) to serve on this year's committee. If you are interested in participating, please email Jo Ann Lacey at Jlacey@cms.hhs.gov by **January 31st**, or you may contact Jo Ann by telephone at 410-786-7206.

Once we receive your nominations and have a list of interested volunteers, we will select members that are representative of a variety of all components and that represent QIO's and ESRD Networks from a broad geographic cross-section of the country. If you are interested in serving as the chair or co-chair, please also indicate this in your response.

A CROWN Memo will be shared with you once a list of 2003 Steering Committee members become final. You may then direct your areas of interest/concern to the Network representatives on the committee.